

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 537

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Darrell T. Cobbins of Memphis to the State Board of Education.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, provides for the creation of the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, further provides that the Governor shall appoint nine members to the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Darrell T. Cobbins of Memphis to the State Board of Education to an initial term that commenced June 28, 2017, and expires March 31, 2018, to be immediately followed by a second term that commences April 1, 2018, and expires June 30, 2023, as a member representing the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, a third-generation real estate professional, Darrell Cobbins serves as president of Universal Commercial Real Estate, LLC, a commercial real estate firm he founded in 2007, continuing a sixteen-year career in commercial real estate brokerage during which he has served many of Memphis's most notable corporations and institutions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cobbins is a recognized leader in his community, having served as the 2013 chairman of the New Memphis Institute and as the chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Memphis Light, Gas & Water; and

WHEREAS, Darrell Cobbins is a person of integrity and an active citizen whose benevolence, acumen, and strong commitment to public service have helped to enhance the well-being of this State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, provides that each member appointed by the Governor to the State Board of Education shall be subject to confirmation by each house of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Darrell T. Cobbins to the State Board of Education for an initial term that commenced June 28, 2017, and expires March 31, 2018, to be immediately followed by a second term that commences April 1, 2018, and expires June 30, 2023.